

Resume/Bio - Robert G. Campbell June 10, 2020

A resident of Cumberland County, New Jersey for over 30 years, Robert Campbell currently serves as the Mayor of Downe Township. As the Owner and CEO of a land surveying, Civil Engineering, Site Construction firm for 30 years, he was involved in both residential and commercial projects. Mr. Campbell was a licensed real estate agent for 10 years, prior to that a partner in his family Theater and supply business, and a member of the US Army Reserves from 1966-1972.

Robert Campbell has been involved in politics since 1992. He served as the part-time housing and zoning officer in Downe for 16 years, was elected to the Committee for Downe Twp in 2009, and was appointed Mayor of Downe Township 2011. Mr. Campbell has been directly involved in municipal government responsibilities, tax office, budget preparation, public relations, community affairs, economic development, public safety, tourism, the State Office of Emergency Management and continues to fight for reparation due to the devastation of Hurricane Sandy to the Bay Shore area. Robert Campbell ran unopposed for the 3rd time this past November and will be started his 4th term as Mayor in January 2019.

The newly formed Delaware Bayshore Redevelopment Commission, was formed by Robert Campbell of which he is the originator and Director, the mission being to unify all of the DE Bayshore Communities to encourage public and private investment in the commercial revitalization of the area. Mr. Campbell has been in a continuous leadership role in several recovery groups related to Hurricanes Irene and Sandy, and is a member of the State Emergency Management and Preparedness Task Force. He is also a local Government manager and facilitator with FEMA PA projects.

Memberships include the following; New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) legislative review committee, a recent appointment to the NJ Clean Air Council by Gov. Christy in 2017, Vice president of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors (NJCM), NJCM legislative review committee, NJ Coastal Coalition, Delaware Bayshore Council, Citizen Committee of the SJTPO, Jersey Shore Partnership, NJDEP Environmental Justice Review, and JIF claims review committee.

In addition to his extensive governmental experience, Robert Campbell has addressed the Senate Budget Committee, and subcommittees, on issues relating to the reduction of property taxes, ABC regulations impacting rural economic development, the return of ETR revenue to the local municipalities for property tax relief, and the reinstatement of PILOT funding to the taxpayers.

Downe Township does not have an administrator. The Mayor and each department head, administer their assigned departments. As the Mayor for the past 9 years, I have been the acting lead administrator for the municipality, managing the community business and redevelopment through hurricanes Irene, Sandy, and Winter Storm Jonas. Total damage repairs and grant reimbursements from FEMA in excess of \$30 M. I have become well versed in FEMA policy, and the CFR 44 handbook. PDA, field reconstruction, and debris removal, some of my forte's.

As the administrator with the support of the Twp. committee, we have recently secured \$15 million in funding for the first wastewater treatment facility on the Delaware Bayfront, ever. It will be serving Fortescue and Gandys Beach. Completion scheduled for late 2021.

My aggressive redevelopment policy and active membership in numerous state agency organizations affords me the opportunity to develop personal and working relationships with the commissioners and lead personnel at all levels of state agencies, ie. NJDEP, DCA, DOT, CAC, ETC. These relationships aid in resolving many state regulatory issues that regularly intrude on our local governments.

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